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Media Advisory - Free Access To Science: A Model for the Dissemination of Scientific Literature

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Description: Much has been made in recent months of the fact that the results of scientific research should be made freely accessible. For the first time, a coalition of not-for-profit publishers explain their approach to free access-one that fits their long-held missions of furthering the advancement of science-that is beneficial to authors and readers alike.

WHAT:
Since the mid-1990's, the Internet has become the medium through which medical and biological scientists publish their original work. During the last 12 months, advocates for open access have begun publishing journals incorporating an author pays model. This panel, representing the viewpoints of 50 health, medical and scientific publishers explain their approaches to free access - one that fits their long-held missions of furthering the advancement of science - that is beneficial to authors and readers alike. The panel will also discuss the ability of these models to co-exist in the marketplace. Collectively the free access signatories publish 380 journals each year, represent more than 600,000 members and post 800,000 articles on line each year of which more than 440,000 are free. Please join us for this discussion.

WHEN:
Tuesday, March 16, 2004
10:00 – 11:00 AM

WHERE:
National Press Club
Washington, DC

WHO:
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The *Washington, DC Principles for Free Access to Science* is a coalition of 49 not-for-profit scientific, technical, and medical publishers that publish 110 scholarly journals. The coalition speaks for more some 610,000 scientists and researchers through the following organizations: American Academy of Pediatrics, American Association for Cancer Research, American Association for Clinical Chemistry, American Cancer Society, American College of Chest Physicians, American College of Nutrition, American College of Physicians, American Dairy Science Association, American Diabetes Association, American Physiological Society, American Psychiatric Publishing, American Roentgen Ray Society, American Society of Animal Science, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, American Society for Clinical Investigation, American Society for Clinical Nutrition, American Society for Investigative Pathology, American Society for Microbiology, American Society for Nutritional Sciences, American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, American Society of Hematology, American Society of Nephrology, American Society of Plant Biologists, Association for Molecular Pathology, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities, Biophysical Society, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Company of Biologists, Limited, European Molecular Biology Organisation, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, Genetics Society of America, Harvey Whitney Books, The Histochemical Society, Project HOPE, Protein Society, Radiological Society of North America, Royal College of Psychiatrists, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, Society for Leukocyte Biology, Society for the Study of Reproduction, Society of National Association Publications, Society of Nuclear Medicine, Society of Surgical Oncology, The Botanical Society of America, The Endocrine Society, The Physiological Society, and The Rockefeller University Press.

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